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SENATE BILL NO. 117

Introduced by: Senators Knudson, Hansen (Tom), Lintz, and Peterson (Jim) and
Representatives Gillespie, Boomgarden, Dennert, Juhnke, Noem, Rhoden,
Sigdestad, and Vanneman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain tax levy limitations and property tax levies
2 for school districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 13-13-72.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-13-72.1. Any adjustments in the levies specified in ~~subdivision 13-13-10.1(6)~~ § 10-12-42
6 made pursuant to §§ 13-13-71 and 13-13-72 shall be based on maintaining the relationship
7 between statewide local effort as a percentage of statewide local need in the fiscal year
8 succeeding the fiscal year in which the adjustment is made. In addition to the adjustments in the
9 levies provided by this section, the levies shall also be annually adjusted as necessary to reduce
10 the portion of local need paid by local effort by an amount equal to nine million dollars from
11 those funds transferred into the property tax reduction fund pursuant to § 10-50-52 subsequent
12 to July 1, 2007. In addition to the adjustments in the levies provided by this section, the levies
13 for nonagricultural property and owner-occupied single-family dwellings shall also be adjusted
14 as necessary to account for the additional increase in the total assessed value for nonagricultural



1 property and owner-occupied single-family dwellings pursuant to the phasing out and repeal of
2 the provisions provided in § 10-6-74.

3 Section 2. That § 13-16-7 be amended to read as follows:

4 13-16-7. The school board of any school district of this state may at its discretion authorize
5 an annual levy of a tax not to exceed three dollars per thousand dollars of taxable valuation on
6 the taxable valuation of the district for the capital outlay fund for assets as defined by § 13-16-6
7 or for its obligations under a resolution, lease-purchase agreement, capital outlay certificate, or
8 other arrangement with the Health and Educational Facilities Authority. Taxes collected
9 pursuant to such levy may be irrevocably pledged by the school board to the payment of
10 principal of and interest on installment purchase contracts or capital outlay certificates entered
11 into or issued pursuant to § 13-16-6 or 13-16-6.2 or lease-purchase agreements or other
12 arrangement with the Health and Educational Facilities Authority and, so long as any capital
13 outlay certificates are outstanding, installment agreement payments, lease-purchase agreements,
14 or other arrangements are unpaid, the school board of any district may be compelled by
15 mandamus or other appropriate remedy to levy an annual tax sufficient to pay principal and
16 interest thereon, but not to exceed the three dollars per thousand dollars of taxable valuation in
17 any year authorized to be levied hereby.

18 For taxes payable in 2010, the total amount of revenue payable from the levy provided in
19 this section may not increase more than the lesser of three percent or the index factor, as defined
20 in § 10-13-38, over the maximum amount of revenue that could have been generated for the
21 taxes payable in 2009. After applying the index factor, a school district may increase the revenue
22 payable from taxes on real property above the limitations provided by this section by the
23 percentage increase of value resulting from any improvements or change in use of real property,
24 annexation, minor boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately

1 classified and subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapters 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A,
2 and 10-6B, except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value. A school
3 district may increase the revenue it receives from taxes on real property above the limit provided
4 by this section for taxes levied to pay the principal, interest, and redemption charges on any
5 bonds issued after January 1, 2008, which are subject to referendum; for scheduled payment
6 increases on bonds, and for a levy directed by the order of a court for the purpose of paying a
7 judgment against the school district. Any school district created or reorganized after January 1,
8 2008, is exempt from the limitation provided by this section for a period of two years
9 immediately following its creation.

10 For taxes payable in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the total amount of revenue payable from
11 the levy provided in this section may not increase more than the lesser of three percent or the
12 index factor, as defined in § 10-13-38, over the maximum amount of revenue that could have
13 been generated for the taxes payable in 2009 plus any unused index factor from the previous
14 years. After applying the index factor, a school district may increase the revenue payable from
15 taxes on real property above the limitations provided by this section by the percentage increase
16 of value resulting from any improvements or change in use of real property, annexation, minor
17 boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately classified and
18 subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapter 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A, and 10-6B,
19 except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value. A school district may
20 increase the revenue it receives from taxes on real property above the limit provided by this
21 section for taxes levied to pay the principal, interest, and redemption charges on any bonds
22 issued after January 1, 2008, which are subject to referendum, scheduled payment increases on
23 bonds and for a levy directed by the order of a court for the purpose of paying a judgment
24 against such school district. Any school district created or reorganized after January 1, 2008, is

1 exempt from the limitation provided by this section for a period of two years immediately
2 following its creation.

3 For taxes payable in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the levy limitation of three dollars
4 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation does not apply to any school district.

5 Section 3. That § 13-37-16 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-37-16. For taxes payable in 1997, and each year thereafter, the school board shall levy
7 no more than one dollar and forty cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation, as a special
8 levy in addition to all other levies authorized by law for the amount so determined to be
9 necessary, and such levy shall be spread against all of the taxable property of the district. The
10 proceeds derived from such levy shall constitute a school district special education fund of the
11 district for the payment of costs for the special education of all children in need of special
12 education or special education and related services who reside within the district pursuant to the
13 provisions of §§ 13-37-8.2 to 13-37-8.10, inclusive. The levy in this section shall be based on
14 valuations such that the median level of assessment represents 85% of market value as
15 determined by the Department of Revenue and Regulation. The total amount of taxes that would
16 be generated at the levy pursuant to this section shall be considered local effort. Money in the
17 special education fund may be expended for the purchase or lease of any assistive technology
18 that is directly related to special education and specified in a student's individualized education
19 plan. This section does not apply to real property improvements.

20 For taxes payable in 2010, the total amount of revenue payable from the levy provided in
21 this section may not increase more than the lesser of three percent or the index factor, as defined
22 in § 10-13-38, over the maximum amount of revenue that could have been generated for the
23 taxes payable in 2009. After applying the index factor, a school district may increase the revenue
24 payable from taxes on real property above the limitations provided by this section by the

1 percentage increase of value resulting from any improvements or change in use of real property,
2 annexation, minor boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately
3 classified and subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapter 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A,
4 and 10-6B, except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value.

5 Any school district created or reorganized after January 1, 2008, is exempt from the
6 limitation provided by this section for a period of two years immediately following its creation.

7 For taxes payable in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the total amount of revenue payable from
8 the levy provided in this section may not increase more than the lesser of three percent or the
9 index factor, as defined in § 10-13-38, over the maximum amount of revenue that could have
10 been generated for the taxes payable in 2009 plus any unused index factor from the previous
11 years. After applying the index factor, a school district may increase the revenue payable from
12 taxes on real property above the limitations provided by this section by the percentage increase
13 of value resulting from any improvements or change in use of real property, annexation, minor
14 boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately classified and
15 subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapter 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A, and 10-6B,
16 except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value.

17 For taxes payable in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the levy limitation of one dollar and
18 forty cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation does not apply to any school district.

19 Section 4. That § 13-37-35.1 be amended to read as follows:

20 13-37-35.1. Terms used in chapter 13-37 mean:

- 21 (1) "Level one disability," a mild disability;
- 22 (2) "Level two disability," a mental retardation or emotional disorder;
- 23 (3) "Level three disability," hearing impairment, deafness, visual impairment, deaf-
- 24 blindness, orthopedic impairment, or traumatic brain injury;

(4) "Level four disability," autism;

(5) "Level five disability," multiple disabilities;

(5A) "Level six disability," prolonged assistance;

(6) "Index factor," is the annual percentage change in the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers as computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the year before the year immediately preceding the year of adjustment or three percent, whichever is less;

(7) "Local effort," shall be calculated for taxes payable in ~~2006 and thereafter using a special education levy of one dollar and twenty cents per one thousand dollars of valuation~~ 2010 and shall be the amount of revenue that could have been generated for the taxes payable in 2009 using a special education levy of one dollar and twenty cents per one thousand dollars of valuation increased by the lesser of three percent or the index factor, as defined in § 10-13-38, plus a percentage increase of value resulting from any improvements or change in use of real property, annexation, minor boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately classified and subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapter 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A, and 10-6B, except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value.

For taxes payable in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the total amount of local effort shall be increased by the lesser of three percent or the index factor, established pursuant to § 10-13-38 plus a percentage increase of value resulting from any improvements or change in used of real property, annexation, minor boundary changes, and any adjustments in taxation of real property separately classified and subject to statutory adjustments and reductions under chapter 10-4, 10-6, 10-6A, and

1 10-6B, except § 10-6-31.4, only if assessed the same as property of equal value;

2 (8) "Allocation for a student with a level one disability," for the school fiscal year
3 beginning July 1, 2004, is \$ 3,533.13. For each school year thereafter, the allocation
4 for a student with a level one disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation
5 for such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

6 (9) "Allocation for a student with a level two disability," for the school fiscal year
7 beginning July 1, 2004, is \$ 8,277.21. For each school year thereafter, the allocation
8 for a student with a level two disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation
9 for such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

10 (10) "Allocation for a student with a level three disability," for the school fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2004, is \$ 12, 580.73. For each school year thereafter, the allocation
12 for a student with a level three disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation
13 for such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

14 (11) "Allocation for a student with a level four disability," for the school fiscal year
15 beginning July 1, 2004, is \$ 12, 001.80. For each school year thereafter, the allocation
16 for a student with a level four disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation
17 for such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

18 (12) "Allocation for a student with a level five disability," for the school fiscal year
19 beginning July 1, 2004, is \$ 15, 882.21. For each school year thereafter, the allocation
20 for a student with a level five disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation
21 for such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

22 (12A) "Allocation for a student with a level six disability," for the school fiscal year
23 beginning July 2004, is \$8,122.23. For each school year thereafter, the allocation for
24 a student with a level six disability shall be the previous fiscal year's allocation for

1 such child increased by the lesser of the index factor or three percent;

2 (13) "Child count," is the number of students in need of special education or special
3 education and related services according to criteria set forth in rules promulgated
4 pursuant to §§ 13-37-1.1 and 13-37-46 submitted to the Department of Education in
5 accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to § 13-37-1.1;

6 (14) "Average daily membership," the average number of kindergarten through twelfth
7 grade pupils enrolled in all schools operated by the school district during the previous
8 regular school year plus the average number of pupils for whom the district pays
9 tuition;

10 (15) "Nonpublic school," a sectarian organization or entity which is accredited by the
11 secretary of education for the purpose of instructing children of compulsory school
12 age. This definition excludes any school that receives a majority of its revenues from
13 public funds;

14 (16) "Nonpublic average daily membership," the average number of children under age
15 sixteen who are approved for alternative instruction pursuant to § 13-27-2 during the
16 previous school year plus:

17 (a) For nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of a public school district
18 with an average daily membership of six hundred or more during the previous
19 school year, the average number of kindergarten through twelfth grade pupils
20 enrolled during the previous regular school year in all nonpublic schools
21 located within the boundaries of the public school district;

22 (b) For nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of a public school district
23 with an average daily membership of less than six hundred during the previous
24 school year, the average number of resident kindergarten through twelfth grade

1 pupils enrolled during the previous school year in all nonpublic schools
2 located within the State of South Dakota;

3 (17) "Special education average daily membership," average daily membership plus
4 nonpublic average daily membership;

5 (18) "Local need," an amount to be determined as follows:

6 (a) Multiply the special education average daily membership by 0.1013 and
7 multiply the result by the allocation for a student with a level one disability;

8 (b) Multiply the number of students having a level two disability as reported on
9 the child count for the previous school fiscal year by the allocation for a
10 student with a level two disability;

11 (c) Multiply the number of students having a level three disability as reported on
12 the child count for the previous school fiscal year by the allocation for a
13 student with a level three disability;

14 (d) Multiply the number of students having a level four disability as reported on
15 the child count for the previous school fiscal year by the allocation for a
16 student with a level four disability;

17 (e) Multiply the number of students having a level five disability as reported on
18 the child count for the previous school fiscal year by the allocation for a
19 student with a level five disability;

20 (f) Multiply the number of students having a level six disability as reported on the
21 child count for the previous school fiscal year by the allocation for a student
22 with a level six disability;

23 (g) Sum the results of (a) through (f);

24 (19) "Effort factor," ~~the school district's special education tax levy in dollars per thousand~~

1 ~~divided by \$1.20~~ for taxes payable in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the effort
2 factor is the amount of taxes payable for the year divided by the amount of local
3 effort as calculated in subdivision (7). The maximum effort factor is 1.0.